question of a permanent hostel is under the consideration of the Government.

Mrs. Meenakshi N. Menon.—The conditions existing at the present hostel is far from ideal and the locality is quite undesirable for young girls to stay. So will the Government consider again and try to get some other buildings for shifting the hostel to some other place using this for some other purpose?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—When we construct a permanent hostel building all these things will be taken into consideration.

Mullasseri thodu—Improvement of.

126. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) i. whether any substantial work in the improvement of the Mullasseri thodu was effected before the Mullasseri bridge was abolished;

ii. what is the total length of the thodu proposed to be improved;

iii. what is the portion over which granite work has been done;

iv. does the demolition of the bridge create considerable hardship to pedestrians;

v. does not the bridge lie on the Chittur road one of the most frequented roads in Ernakulam;

vi. why was it that this part of the work was not put off till the improvement of the thodu on both sides of the bridge was finished;

(b) who is in charge of these works;

(c) i. did any one bring to the notice of the Government the flood in the Karithala and Elamkulam wet lands caused by the obstruction to free passage of excess water created by the Mullasseri bridge work and on acconnt of the non-removal of the bund at Perumanoor;

ii. when was it;

iii. what step, if any, was taken to alleviate the sufferings of the cultivators;

(d) i. did the officer in charge of the Mullasseri canal and bridge works visit Ernakulam after the above complaint;

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ii. if so, when;

iii. did he take any step to alleviate the sufferings;

(e) i. what T. A. has been drawn by the officer in connection with the works;

ii. were not similar works placed in charge of the Assistant Engineer, Southern Division, in the past;

iii. why was it not done in the present instance;

(f) i. was not the bridge now demolished, constructed very recently;

ii. if so, when;

iii. what was the amount spent then;

iv. how is the proposed new bridge an improvent on the one just demolished ;

(g) i. was not the widening and reconstruction of the first bridge on the Ernakulam-Hill Palace road recommended as an essential work to prevent floods in the two wet lands mentioned above;

ii. when was the recommendation made and by whom;

iii. will it be taken up at least in 1112?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) i. Yes.

ii. 3,751 feet.

iii. 89 feet to the east of the bridge, 275 feet west of the bridge and 88 feet east of the Tirumala Devaswam road:

iv. No. All facilities for pedestrians were afforded at site.

v. The bridge is on the Chittur road.

vi. In order to provide more drainage facilities from as early a date as possible.

(b) Section Superintendent under the supervision of the Irrigation Assistant Engineer.

(c) i. Yes.

ii. On 28—5—1936 and 5—6—1936.

iii. The sluices and bunds at Ananthuruthi chira were opened in order to drain the storm water.

(d) i. Yes.

ii. Immediately after.

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iii. Yes.

(e) i. The Section Superintendent in charge of the works gets a fixed T. A. of Rs. 10 per month.

ii. Similar works used to be placed under the charge of the Assistant Engineer, Southern Division, in the past.

iii. This is a work coming under the Irrigation Division proper. It was investigated by the Irrigation Assistant Engineer and therefore it was placed under the supervision of the Irrigation Assistant Engineer.

(f) i. and ii. It was constructed in 1106.

iii. Rs. 1,073.

iv. The span of the bridge has been increased from 6 feet to 10 feet.

(g) i. This is one of the works recommended.

ii. The recommendation was made on 7—2—1935 by the Chief Engineer to the Government.

iii. It is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Which is the Head-quarters of the Irrigation Assistant Engineer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Chittur.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—With reference to (c) (iii), when was it done? Was it after 5—6—1936 or before 28—5—1936?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I was informed by the Assistant Engineer, Southern Division that these sluices were opened before we got a letter from the Hon'ble Member.

Trichur Guest House—repairs to.

127. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether any estimate was prepared for the repair of the Guest House in Trichur this year before the work was entrusted to the contractor;

(2) if so, what was the amount estimated for;

(3) what is the amount actually spent;

(4) who was the contractor?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The details of works required and the rates at which the contractor will be

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